

REMARKS

Prior to examination, please enter and consider the Supplemental Preliminary Amendment currently amending claims 21, 25, 29, 30, 32, 34, 35, 37 and 38. The amendments are substantially editorial in nature and add no new matter. These similar amended claims have also filed in related divisional Application No. (740819-1054), file March 19, 2003, entitled "Semiconductor Device and Method for Fabricating the Same."

An early and favorable Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited. In the event that the Examiner is of the opinion that a brief telephone or personal interview will facilitate allowance of one or more of the above claims, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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